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~~Hon. Michael E. Williams~~  
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Dear Commissioner Williams:

The abrupt censorship of the CSCOPE Curriculum has resulted in Hutto ISD no longer having access to curriculum that supports the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. It is impossible for Hutto ISD to create K-12 core curriculum documents in 2.5 months. Textbooks that are approved by the state are required to meet only 50% of the state standards; therefore, relying on these resources will not prepare students for the high standards assessed with STAAR and EOCs. Instructional Materials Allotment created much needed flexibility in obtaining instructional resources to support the TEKS; however, CSCOPE districts, such as Hutto ISD, selected resources that were aligned with CSCOPE.

Hutto ISD is predominately a residential property, fast growth district with all the demands that come with mid-size suburban schools. Although the district has passed a TRE, our resources are extremely limited. CSCOPE offered a quality curriculum for less than the cost of a teacher. Replacing this curriculum will far exceed the funds we have available.

A suggestion was made by Senator Patrick that larger schools would be willing to share their curriculum with CSCOPE schools. That option has tremendous implications:

- 1.) Open access to another district's network – curriculum is online.
- 2.) Lack of resources aligned to the district's curriculum
- 3.) Lack of training for teachers to effectively utilize the new curriculum
- 4.) Cost
- 5.) Ability to localize "their" curriculum based on our student needs and local resources

We are in dire need of assistance to accomplish this daunting task. Districts must have time to adjust to your decision to censor the use of all lessons from CSCOPE.

Sincerely,

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